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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
**Harer et al.**

Application No. **09/760,063**

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For: **SIMULATION-BASED  
FUNCTIONAL VERIFICATION OF  
MICROCIRCUIT DESIGNS**

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Examiner: **Thomas H. Stevens**

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**Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed Nov. 29, 2004, applicants submit the present Amendment on May 27, 2005.